

POLITICAL VALUE OF THE VISIT OF PRINCE HENRY

"It has been reported in the papers that the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia," said a prominent official of the State Department, this morning, "is a move of the German Emperor on the political chess-board of the world. Nothing is further from the truth than this statement. The visit of Prince Henry has no political significance whatever. It is a friendly call, pure and simple. It is natural that the German Emperor feels that he should be on a friendly footing with the United States, but that does not mean that even a political entente is intended."

"That this is true is best proven by the entire absence from the Prince's suite of any member of the Kaiser's political cabinet or the Berlin Foreign Office. It has been the rule that when the head of one country visits that of another nation for the purpose of accomplishing political ends he is accompanied by a member of the diplomatic household or the Foreign Office. This is so on account of the nature of the undertaking or the business to be accomplished."

"As an instance, you will remember that when the Czar of Russia visited France a number of years ago, he was accompanied by that Russian diplomat and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Muraviev, and when the President of France visited the Czar of the Russians, the Frenchman was accompanied by his diplomatic suite. This visit was marked by the almost entire absence of representatives of the army and navy of both powers. Of course, there were army and navy demonstrations, but they were incidental merely."

"Then take the visit to England last year of Kaiser Wilhelm, and the visit to Germany of England's present King. The outcome of these visits is the present existing 'entente cordiale' between the two nations, which not long ago was referred to in the House of Commons by Lord Cranborne, when he made answer to the statement that the Anglo-Japanese treaty had been too hastily made public. Both

"The personnel of the imperial party gives plain evidence of the Emperor's interest in a great navy, says a State Department official. The only significance of the trip is this formal tribute of amity upon the advance of the United States to a place among the world's Powers."

The German and the English monarchs accompanied on their visit by the diplomatic representative of their respective Governments. "Prince Henry's suite consists of representatives of the Kaiser's army and navy. It is a very high compliment the German Emperor is paying our navy by sending the Secretary of the Imperial German navy, Admiral von Tirpitz, on a visit to this country. If the visit has any significance beyond that of a call for the purpose of strengthening the ties of friendship, it is that the German Emperor acknowledges the preponderant influence and prestige of the United States as a naval and naval power."

"It is a well-known fact that His German Majesty takes a keen interest in the development of the American navy, and it is equally well known that he has entered on a programme which ultimately will place the German navy in the front rank of the world's naval powers. It will take a good many years until this is accomplished, but with the perseverance for which the Germans are noted they will accomplish what they have set out to do. Unless all signs are deceiving the visit of the royal prince will not be fraught with any consequences of a political nature. The bonds of friendship between Germany and America will be strengthened, which is to the benefit of both parties. But there is no reason why the United States should not be on an excellent footing of friendship with all nations."

THIS WILL BE AN EASY THING TO DO

Immigration Bureau Asked to Find a Man.

He Is Traveling to and Fro in the United States and His Son Wants to Know His Address.

That foreigners, and especially Europeans, entertain peculiar ideas of the territorial size of the United States is clearly demonstrated in a letter which was received this morning by the Immigration Bureau from Mr. Joseph James Pollitt, of Melbourne, House of Commons, London, N. Leeds, England.

In the letter Mr. Pollitt says that his father has been away from home for a number of years and that he (the former) is anxious to find out his address in the United States. Mr. Pollitt intimates that the small favor thus rendered would be highly appreciated and gives the following description of the person whose address is wanted:

The name is James Pollitt, he is a commercial traveler, is between forty and fifty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches in height, of fair complexion and slender build.

Mr. Pollitt suggests in his letter that his father is constantly traveling to and fro in the United States and that on one of his trips through this city he might be stopped and asked for his address.

MARINES FOR MANILA.

Three Detachments, Under Officers, Now Here, to Start Soon.

Orders will soon be promulgated by the commandant of the Marine Corps directing three large detachments of marines to proceed to the Philippine Islands. The first detachment which will leave San Francisco March 15, will consist of 150 men and seven officers. The second detachment of 100 men and five officers and the third detachment of 150 men and seven officers will sail from San Francisco April 1 and 15 respectively.

It is understood that these marines will relieve those who have been on duty in the island of Samar, where they saw some arduous service under Major Warren. The second detachment will be largely made up from the men stationed at the Marine Barracks in this city. The officers to go with this detachment have not yet been definitely determined upon, but nearly all will be taken from those now on duty in Washington.

NEW BROOKLAND SEWER.

Will Cost \$42,000 According to Superintendent McComb's Figures.

In reply to a request for information by Dr. J. Y. Hill, of Brookland, Mr. David E. McComb, the superintendent of sewers, has reported that the construction of a sewer to serve the easterly and northerly slopes of Brookland has been considered and an estimate prepared.

Mr. McComb states that the proposed sewer starts at a point near the present outlet of the northeast boundary sewer and runs northward to the valley of Hickey Branch, thence in that valley to its upper end, and then crossing the Brookwood Road divide it follows the valley of the Northwest Branch.

Mr. McComb states that the estimated cost of the proposed sewer is \$42,000.

FUNERAL OF DR. NOBLE.

Services in Epiphany Church and Burial in Oak Hill.

The remains of Dr. Henry B. Noble, a prominent dentist of this city, who was stricken with heart failure in a street car Wednesday afternoon, were laid to rest in the family lot at Oak Hill Cemetery this morning.

Funeral services were held in Epiphany Church at 11:30 o'clock, the Rev. Randolph McKim officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. B. Pearson, Robert Leblin, Edward Lewis, J. Sprague, Lee D. Latimer, Dr. Charles Humphrey, Dr. J. Hall Lewis, and Dr. M. S. Finley.

Granted Plumbers License.

Acting upon the recommendation of Mr. O. L. Ingalls, the Inspector of plumbing, the District Commissioners have determined that a plumber's license may be issued to Thomas Humphrey under the firm name of Thomas Humphrey & Son after May 1 next.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Financiers Discuss Plan for Improvement to Streets.

City to Petition Legislature for a Grant to Issue \$70,000 of Bonds at Interest.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 7.—A joint meeting of the finance committee of the city council and the sinking fund committee was held Wednesday night, at which plans were discussed for raising money for improvement to streets and sewers, the city gas works, and for retreating \$37,500 of 6 per cent bonds which will fall due July 1 next.

After due deliberation it was decided to let the sinking fund commissioners take care of the bonds in question, and to petition the Legislature to grant the city the power to issue \$70,000 bonds at an interest not to exceed 4 per cent per annum. Of this amount it is proposed that the sum of \$30,000 be used for improving the city gas works, and \$50,000 be used for street and sewer improvements.

The bill offered in the State Legislature by Delegate James R. Caton, of this city, as a substitute for the "Jim Crow" car bill, providing separate seats in street cars, without a special compartment in the car, meets with general approval. The opinion here is that it will in all likelihood pass.

According to the substitute bill street car conductors will be required to assign separate seats to white and colored passengers in the same car under a penalty both to conductor and passengers. The purpose of the bill is simply to keep the races separated as far as it shall be found feasible to do so. If the bill becomes operative it will apply to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway.

There is but little interest being manifested in the coming spring election, which is near at hand. As yet there have been few announcements of new candidates. The Democratic primaries will be held next month. The officers to be voted for are Commonwealth attorney, city treasurer, and city sergeant. For the last-named position the candidates are Mr. R. T. Cox, the incumbent, and Mr. W. B. Doble.

The spring term of the Circuit Court for this city, with Judge C. E. Nicol presiding, will convene Monday morning, March 17. Yesterday the following petit jurors were drawn: George S. French, D. Harry Appleh, Benton Chinn, J. T. H. Harding, W. M. Angelo, J. C. Creighton, W. C. Baggett, George M. Murray, H. R. Burke, E. I. Alexander, J. R. N. Curtin, and R. P. Knox.

Mrs. Margaret D'Alton Purcell, widow of the late Richard Purcell, died at an early hour yesterday at her home, 814 Prince Street, after a lingering illness. She had been in failing health for some years, but on Saturday became worse and never rallied. Mrs. Purcell was about seventy years of age. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. Funeral services took place this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The mortuary report of the city for the month of February has just been published by the board of health. In brief it is as follows: Whole number of deaths in city, 32; white, 19; colored, 13; white males, 12; white females, 7; colored males, 10; colored females, 3. Of this number, 17 were married, 15 were widows, 3 widowers, and all were natives of this country.

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FOREIGN MAILS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POSTOFFICE, NOTICE. Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS are forwarded to the ports of sailing daily, and the schedule of closings is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted onward transit. For the week ending March 8, 1902, the last connecting closes will be made from the MAIN OFFICE as follows:

Trans-Atlantic Mails.

FRIDAY—(a) At 11:25 p. m. for NETHERLANDS direct, per s. s. Amsterdam, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s. s. Amsterdam."

(b) At 11:25 p. m. for EUROPE, per s. s. Umbria, from New York, via Queenstown.

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for AZORES ISLANDS, per s. s. Tartar Prince, from New York. Mail for IT-AY must be directed "Per Tartar Prince."

(d) At 11:25 p. m. for DENMARK direct, via Helsingor, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s. s. Helsingor."

(e) At 11:25 p. m. for EUROPE, per s. s. Kronprinz, from New York, via Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Bremen.

(f) At 11:25 p. m. for ITALY direct, per s. s. "Per s. s. Trieste."

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.

FRIDAY—(a) At 6:05 p. m. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s. s. Etona, from New York.

(b) At 7:15 p. m. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s. s. Masquelyne, from New York.

(c) At 7:15 p. m. for BRAZIL, per s. s. Syracusa, from New York, via Bahia and Rio Janeiro.

(d) At 7:15 p. m. for NORTHERN BRAZIL, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s. s. "Per s. s. Syracusa."

(e) At 11:25 p. m. for the BAHAMAS, per s. s. Antilla, from New York, via Nassau. Mail must be directed "Per s. s. Antilla."

(f) At 11:25 p. m. for GUATEMALA, per s. s. "Per s. s. Antilla."

(g) At 11:25 p. m. for PORTO RICO, CUBA, and GUATEMALA, per s. s. "Per s. s. Antilla."

(h) At 11:25 p. m. for HAITI and SANTA MARTA, per s. s. "Per s. s. Antilla."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK AT WASHINGTON, D. C., (Closed at the close of business February 25, 1902.)

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$1,786,027.85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....259.38
United States bonds to secure circulation.....300,000.00
States deposits.....200,000.00
Premiums on United States bonds.....35,750.00
Stocks, securities, etc.....268,596.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....65,000.00
Real estate owned.....28,170.82
Due from national banks (and reserve agents).....453,250.64
Due from State banks and bankers.....62,247.15
Due from approved reserve agents.....469,529.83
Internal reserve stamps.....68.00
Stocks and other cash items.....16,022.40
Exchanges for clearing house, etc.....45,130.45
Fractional paper currency, nickel, and cent coins.....216.70
Lawful money reserve in hand, viz.:
Specie.....\$28,734.00
Legal tender notes.....40,000.00

Redemption fund with United States Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....15,000.00

Total.....\$4,250,300.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$500,000.00
Surplus fund.....400,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....17,767.61
National bank notes outstanding.....272,000.00
Due to other national banks.....864,589.29
Due to State banks and bankers.....13,380.92
Due to savings banks.....206,133.28
Agents' balances.....12,650.55
Individual deposits.....3,000.00
Deposits to check.....2,567,264.64
Demand certificates of deposit.....5,440.00
Certified checks.....3,965.64
United States deposits.....240,000.00

Total.....\$4,250,300.00

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE U. S. BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENGLAND, on the 31st day of December, 1901, as required by act of Congress, approved July 29, 1902:

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....\$65,977.29
Real estate.....2,143,000.00
Bonds and mortgages (first lien on real estate).....154,000.00
Stocks and bonds (market value).....3,444,000.00
Premiums uncollected and in hands of agents.....846,732.61
Interest accrued and other assets.....56,039.42
Total.....\$7,492,716.61

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid losses and claims.....\$3,064,825.45
Unpaid losses and claims.....523,525.64
Net surplus.....2,903,929.30
Total.....\$7,492,716.61

Current expenses for six months ending 31st December, 1901.....\$1,955,497.74

(Signed) J. KEMP VANDERBILT, Resident Manager for District Columbia.

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